

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An ink for ink-jet recording comprising:
a pigment;
water; and
diglycerol;
wherein the ink is solidified into a solid matter when the water contained in the ink is
evaporated, and the solid matter is redissolved in the ink which is not solidified;
and
wherein a weight ratio of the diglycerol with respect to the pigment is not more
than 3.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1,
further comprising a water-soluble organic solvent, wherein a blending amount of the
diglycerol is not less than 10 % by weight with respect to a total amount of the water-soluble
organic solvent including the diglycerol.

Claims 3-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1,
wherein the diglycerol is in a form of liquid at ordinary temperature and ordinary pressure.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim [[3]] 1,
wherein the diglycerol is contained by not less than 50 % by weight with respect to the total
amount of the water-soluble organic solvent including the diglycerol.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (original): An ink cartridge comprising the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 1.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An ink for ink-jet recording consisting essentially of:

a pigment;

water;

polyethylene glycol; and

diglycerol;

wherein a weight ratio of the polyethylene glycol and the diglycerol with respect to the pigment is not more than 3.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim [[12]] 11, wherein the ink is solidified into a solid matter when the water contained in the ink is evaporated, and the solid matter is redissolved in the ink which is not solidified.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 13, wherein the polyethylene glycol and the diglycerol is in a form of liquid at ordinary temperature and ordinary pressure.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An ink cartridge comprising the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 11.